(ग) इस संबंध में क्या कम उठाए गए हैं तथा उठाए जाने की संभतवना है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) उपभोक्ताओं को सप्लाई किए गए कोयले में पत्थर होने की कुछ शिकायतें रही हैं।

(ग) कुछ कोयला सीमों में कंकड़-पत्थर आदि कोयले में ही रहते हैं। लदान-स्थलों पर छनाई और फालतू सामग्री निकालने का काम किया जाता है। फिर भी, कोयले के साथ मिलती-जुलती शक्ल होने के कारण, कुछ फालतू सामग्री का शामिल होना पूरी तरह नहीं रोका जा सकता। इस संबंध में प्रत्येके कोयला कंपनी में 'किस्म नियंत्रण संगठन" स्थापित किए गए हैं और इनके जरिए सख्त निगरानी की जा रही है। जो उपभोक्ता प्रेषित माल का पूर्व-निरीक्षण करना चाहें, उन्हें यह सुविधा दी जाती है। प्रत्येक शिकायत की जांच की जाती है और सुधार की कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Exploration of Gas by O.N.G.C. in Tripura

1. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many pockets in Tripura ONGC are drilling for exploration of natural gas and whether the available gas is quite sufficient for the establishment of fertilezer industry and for generating power;

(b) how do Government propose to utilise the gas in Tripura; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the natural gas is being squeezed out by a neighbouring country and if so, what steps Government have taken to protect the country's natural resurces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) ONGC have drilled four structures in Tripura. all of which have been found to be gas bearing. Gas is already being supplied for power generation and availability of 1 MMCMD of gas has been idnicated for a gas based fertilizer plant.

(c) No, Sir.

Delay in Commissioning of Salal Hydro-Electric Project

2. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1436 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the commissioning of Salal Hydro-Electric Project has been delayed; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Commissioning of the Salal Hydro-electric Projects has been further delayed due to unexpected geological conditions in the underground structure of the Tailrace Tunnel. Work on all other structures has been completed.

Removal of Chief Executive of Oil India

3. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officials of Oil India working in Assam have been subjected to a lot of hostility, including the demand for removal of the Chief Executive of Oil India, by Assamese who demand the appointment of only Assamese in Oil India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to check such activities?